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The Point:

As a Christian, you're called to be a martyr for the Messiah

RELATE:

-If God were going to plant your ITC Group in a non-English speaking part of the globe... as the only community of witness for the gospel, where would you want to go and why?

-If God were to place your ITC Group in another part of the city of Spokane for this purpose, where would you want to go and why?

REFLECT:

-What part of this week's sermon was particularly 'new thinking' for you? Was there any portion or application that was a challenge for you in your Christian walk?

-How should we think of the concept of a 'witness'... more about thinking, doing or both? Why?

-In Acts 1:8, Jesus says that His followers will be His witnesses? How should we understand this? (Look at Luke 24:46-48 also. What does the 'witness' bear testimony to?)

-Have you ever engaged someone in a conversation about Christ? What was said (by you or the other person)? How did you feel?



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-Think about the community of Christians in Spokane. If every individual Christian in Spokane followed the pattern of your life in regard to being a witness for Christ for the next year... what would be the points of strength? What aspects might need to be prayerfully sought with more intentionality?

-Why do you think that it is so important that the Holy Spirit comes upon the followers of Christ before they begin to bear witness?

-It was easy for the apostles to get caught up in focusing on the restoration of the kingdom, rather than bear witness for Christ. Have you ever seen an over-emphasis on the “end times” and the second coming of Christ? What are the dangers of this being out of balance?

RESPOND:

-Try to focus prayer on the areas where your group members need intercession in regard to being a witness for Christ.

-You may want to read through Ephesians 6:19-20, and/or Colossians 4:2-6 and encourage your group to pray along these lines